

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 12, 2004

IN RE:

PETITION OF BELL SOUTH  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR  
EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN SERVICES

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DOCKET NO.  
03-00391

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ORDER EXTENDING PREVIOUSLY ENTERED PROTECTIVE ORDER

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On June 16, 2003 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Citizens Communications, Inc. filed a *Petition for Exemption of Certain Services* in this docket requesting exemption from regulation of their intraLATA toll service and primary rate ISDN service.

This matter is before the Hearing Officer for consideration of proposals regarding a protective order to cover the remainder of the proceedings in this docket filed on August 2, 2004 by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") and BellSouth.

On January 2, 2004 the Consumer Advocate filed a petition to intervene in this docket. The Consumer Advocate's petition to intervene was granted by an order entered in this docket on January 8, 2004.

On April 30, 2004 the Hearing Officer entered the *Protective Order* which addressed the filing and use of confidential information in this docket.

On August 2, 2004 the Consumer Advocate filed a letter proposing that the *Protective Order* entered in this docket on April 30, 2004 be used for the remainder of the proceedings in this docket. Also on August, 2, 2004, BellSouth filed *BellSouth's Proposal re Protective Order*

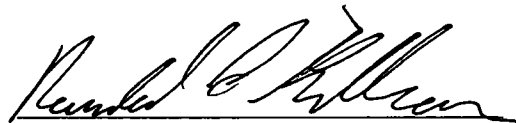
stating that it has no objection to using the April 30, 2004 *Protective Order* for the remainder of the proceedings in this docket. No other party to this docket has filed comments or objections regarding the need to alter or substitute the April 30, 2004 *Protective Order*.

Based on the foregoing the Hearing Officer finds that the proposals of the Consumer Advocate and BellSouth are well taken and that the April 30, 2004 *Protective Order* remains suitable for addressing issues related to the filing and use of confidential information in this docket.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The proposals of the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division and of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to rely on the *Protective Order* originally entered by the Hearing Officer in this docket on April 30, 2004 are accepted.

2. The *Protective Order* originally entered by the Hearing Officer in this docket on April 30, 2004 is hereby adopted for the remainder of the proceedings in this docket.

  
Randal L. Gilliam, Hearing Officer